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know that I am not allowed even to attempt to lift the veil of the Political Demand. This House under its very constitution is not entitled to ask for details or lift the veil of the Political Demand. But I wish, if possible, Government should try to make some savings under that budget head and devote that sum to such laudable things as giving relief to the evacuees.

Although I share the enthusiasm of my friend Mr. Fletcher for giving some relief to the evacuees, I do not go to the extent of supporting the suggestion that we should go on with a scheme of elaborate granting of loans to them. Loans all over the world, particularly in Travancore, have a tendency of not coming back. It is the same case whether it be agricultural loan, industrial loan or educational loan. The old Shakesperean adage applies to Governmental loans also. It must be the policy of Government to give them free help as far as possible.

Mr. James Fletcher: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the Government of India are giving loans to those evacuees in India whose husbands or near relatives are in the enemy occupied areas?

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: In fact, I am not aware of it. But my humble suggestions to this House are not based on what another Government may do or may not do. Under the particular conditions of British India or of certain women whose husbands may be, say, employees in the consular service of the Government of India, they may be doing that. They may give grants or advance money on the security of their salaries. But, under the conditions now prevailing in Travancore, it is my decided view that the Government would be embarking upon a wrong financial policy if they are going to give loans to women and children on the off-chance of their husbands returning home with cart-loads of gold.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 5,000 under Demand XXXI—Miscellaneous Charges—was put and carried.

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND NO. XXXVI—AGRICULTURE.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 30,000 for purchasing and stocking manures for sale to cultivators.

I shall explain briefly to the honourable members of this House the reason why I have come forward with a demand of this kind at this juncture. Honourable members are fully aware that practically Travancore has been depending on Burma, Akyab and Indo-China

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for several decades, for 45 to 50 per cent of its rice requirements. On account of the international situation the prospect of that import in future is very remote. It is therefore of the utmost importance that steps should be taken by us to augment production. There are several ways of doing that *viz.*, extensive cultivation, extending the irrigational projects and extending the hydro-electric project etc. The immediate thing that could be attended to is the application of scientific manures to the crops. I can say without hesitation that at least 20 to 25 per cent. increase in yield can be obtained by the application of scientific manures. And this demand is asked for with a view to manufacture manures with the natural and indigenous manures that are available in the country, and then to stock them for sale during the next cultivation season. In view of the urgency of the matter and the importance of the problem I have no doubt that the honourable members will agree to this demand. I also take this opportunity of telling them that this is only a first step. We are now going to make certain experimental trials during the ensuing season with the idea of manuring crops in an intensive manner. I request the honourable members to allow this grant.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, in enthusiastically supporting this demand, I have only to say that the old proverb of the horse on the river side will apply to the problem of manure in Travancore. And, unless the departmental authorities and the public fully co-operate to make the attempt a success this amount spent for manure is not going to be justified. In this connection the House will remember the very encouraging announcement made by the British Minister of Agriculture Rt. Hon. Hudson who said that since the war they have enhanced their production by 50 to 60 per cent, in the matter of potatoes, wheat and other crops. If Britain could do this under war conditions, when without war her agricultural prospects were not promising, there is no reason why Travancore should not double her production of food stuffs. And, in this connection I have to say that sheer bureaucratic routine is not going to help matters unless all the officers of all the departments, say from the Dewan downwards, cooperate in making the scheme a success, and unless they make it a point to conduct personally demonstrations and house-to-house propaganda in particular localities. Otherwise I am not hopeful of any appreciable results. Any number of polite circulars of Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar will not increase the output of paddy or tapioca in the land. I have to say that the Director will be judged not by his ability to diagnose diseases as by the treatment he can possibly give to the patient in this matter. It is one thing to diagnose and another thing to apply the proper remedy. And I appeal to the officials as well as the non-officials that they must arrange a week or even a

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fortnight when influential officers and non-officials, not minding the possibility of damaging their toilet should go among the people and explain to them and even show them the application of manure, etc. I should like to see say the Chief Secretary to Government, actually handling a spade, not for propaganda for the Press, or for a snapshot, but for creating real enthusiasm among the people.

Mr. James Fletcher: Let me say for the information of the honourable member that the Chief Secretary has got large areas of paddy fields in Neyyattinkara and those paddy fields are well cultivated.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I am very grateful to the honourable member for the information and I am really glad for the assurance given that he and his family will be above want.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan: സർ, ഈ ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നതോടുകൂടി ചിലകാര്യങ്ങൾ പറയുവാൻ ഞാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നു. ഇന്നത്തെ പരിതഃസ്ഥിതി ആലോചിച്ചാൽ കൃഷിപോഷണത്തിനു് ആവശ്യമായ ഒരു പ്രധാന ഉപാധിയാണു് വളവിതരണം എന്നുള്ളതു് സമ്മതിക്കാം. പക്ഷെ കൃത്രിമമായതോ പ്രകൃതിയിൽ നിന്നു സിദ്ധിക്കുന്നതോ ആയ വളം ഭൂമിയിൽ ചേർത്തു് വിളവുകൾ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ മനുഷ്യന്റെ കരംകൊണ്ടു് ഉണ്ടാക്കാവുന്ന വളം എത്രമാത്രം പ്രയോജനമായിരിക്കുമെന്നും അവ എന്തെല്ലാമാണെന്നും കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു് അവയുടെ ശേഖരണത്തിനും വിതരണത്തിനുമായി പ്രായോഗികമായ പദ്ധതികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും അവയെ ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഇടയിൽ നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു് കൃഷിഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു് ശ്രമിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കാൻ ഞാൻ മടിക്കുന്നില്ല. വളം വാങ്ങി കർഷകരുടെയിടയിൽ വിതരണം ചെയ്യുന്നതോടുകൂടി ഏതു ജാതിവളമാണു് ആ കൃഷിക്കു് വേണ്ടതു് എന്നു പറയാതെ അത്തരം കൃഷികൾ ഫലദായകമായി വരുന്നതു് എങ്ങനെയെന്നും എനിക്കു നിശ്ചയമില്ല. ഒരു കർഷകന്റെ നിലയിൽ എനിക്കുള്ള അനുഭവം പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ കൃഷി ഫലപ്രദമാകാതെ വരുന്നതു് വളത്തിന്റെ കുറവുകൊണ്ടു് മാത്രമായിരിക്കുകയില്ലെന്നാണു്. പുഞ്ചപ്പാടങ്ങളിൽ നെൽകൃഷിക്കു് പലവിധത്തിലുള്ള വളങ്ങൾ ആവശ്യമുണ്ടു്. ഒരാണ്ടിൽ ഒരു നിലത്തിൽ ന്യായമായ വിളവുണ്ടായില്ലെന്നുവച്ചു് അവിടെ വളമില്ലെന്നു വിചാരിക്കാൻ തരമില്ല. കൃഷിയുടെ പിഴകൊണ്ടോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ കാലദേശാവസ്ഥയുടെ പ്രതികൂല്യംകൊണ്ടോ ആ കൃഷി ഫലവത്തായിട്ടില്ലെന്നു മാത്രമേയുള്ളു.

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ഈ വസ്തുത മനസ്സിലാക്കി തന്നിവാരണാർത്ഥം ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകാർ യാതൊരു പ്രവൃത്തിയും ചെയ്യുന്നില്ല. അവർ ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തിരുന്നുകൊണ്ടു തങ്ങളുടെ പാർശ്വവത്തികൾക്കോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ തങ്ങളെ സ്വാധീനപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ ശേഷിയുള്ളവർക്കോ കുറെ വളം വിതരണം ചെയ്യുമെന്നു വരാം. അതു പേരിനുവേണ്ടിയോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ കണ്ണിൽ മണ്ണിടാൻവേണ്ടിയോ ആണു. ഇത്തരം പ്രലോഭനങ്ങൾകൊണ്ടു അവർ ചിലതെല്ലാം പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നുവെന്നേയുള്ളൂ. വളരെ ഉൽജസ്വലനും രാജ്യക്ഷേമത്തിനുവേണ്ടി പ്രവർത്തിക്കാൻ സദാപി സന്നദ്ധനുമാണു് ഇന്നത്തെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു് മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ; എന്നാൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ ആ മനോഭാവം അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ കീഴ് സിൽബന്ധികൾക്കുണ്ടോ എന്നു സംശയമാണു്. തൻമൂലം വളവിതരണത്തിനായാലും കൃഷി അഭിവൃദ്ധിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനായാലും അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നഫലം കിട്ടുന്നില്ലെന്നുള്ളതു് ഒരു പരമാർത്ഥമാണു്. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ ഈ വസ്തുത ധരിച്ചു് പ്രവർത്തിക്കണമെന്നു് അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, I have very great pleasure in supporting this demand. But I am sorry that the Director did not ask for a larger amount than he has requested the House to pass. I know, Sir, that the honourable member who moves this grant is eager to have at least this amount. I am sorry that the Government was under the impression that even food stuffs like other commodities could be purchased at cheap rates from anywhere. But unhappily circumstances have changed and we have to rely upon the foodstuffs that we can raise in our country. With regard to this amount of Rs. 30,000, I should consider it too inadequate. Even a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs will not be too large for the purpose. However coming as it does only as an experimental measure we shall start with this amount. Care should be paid so that this grant is made available to as many cultivators as possible. Belonging as I do to Onattukara, a place where sowing will be done within three weeks from today, unless the manure purchased with this amount is made available within a month or so to the cultivators there, it will be of no use. So I trust that the department will speedily arrange matters so that the manure will be made available to all the cultivators.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Sir, I support the demand But I would request the Director to see that the help of the non official representatives is also requisitioned in the matter of the distribution of manures. This amount asked for should be fully utilised for the purpose in view.

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Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Does the honourable member mean that this manure will be utilised for any other purpose?

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Yes. It can be converted into money or stolen away. To safeguard against these contingencies the help of the non-officials should be sought. The departmental subordinates—I am not speaking anything against them—should not alone be left with the responsibility of distributing manures. In this connection I have to say that most of the people who cultivate paddy fields have to learn better application of manure so as to make the lands yield a larger out-turn. The departmental subordinates can approach them through non official representatives and tell them that Government are proposing to advance to them these manures on the security of their produce, and they must also tell them that by purchasing this manure they are sure to get a larger out-turn of crop.

Certainly it is the non-officials who are in a position of influence in those localities that should help the departments in making this concern a success. So I would request the Director to take into account this piece of advice on my part for making the attempt a success.

Mr. V. Chellam Pillai: നാൺ അഫിഷ്യൽ മെമ്പറന്മാർക്ക് കൂടുതൽ വളമിട്ടാൽ വിളവുണ്ടാകുമെന്ന നിശ്ചയമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: ആ ബോദ്ധ്യമില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഈ ഗ്രാൻറ് അനുവദിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലാ എന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. എനിക്ക് ആ അഭിപ്രായമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഗ്രാൻറ് അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന ഞാൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടത്.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan: വളം വിതരണം ചെയ്യുന്നകാര്യത്തിൽ ഒരു ഉപദേശകസമിതിയുടെ ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നാണോ മെമ്പറിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം?

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥ സഹകരണം ശരിയായുണ്ടാകണമെങ്കിൽ ഒരു ഉപദേശകസമിതി ക്രടിയേ തീരൂ എന്നു കാണുന്നപക്ഷം അങ്ങനെ ഒരു ഉപദേശകസമിതി നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനും വിരോധമില്ലെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

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Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : Sir, the propaganda staff of the Agricultural Department have been able to convince the genuine agriculturists that the application of manures at the proper time will certainly increase the yield.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Is it synthetic manure or organic manure?

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : It is made from articles produced in Travancore. The only difficulty which the agriculturists feel is the want of money to purchase the manure in time. So the proposal of the Director of Agriculture to sell manure to the real ryots at the proper season is really of very great value. Hence I would very strongly support the motion that has been brought forth.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, there were some observations made by some honourable members in regard to this proposal and I shall answer them briefly.

With regard to the suggestions made by my honourable friend Mr. Balakrishnan Tampi, I can assure him that the campaign will be carried on with sincerity, earnestness, zeal and enthusiasm. I am glad that he and the other honourable members on the other side of the House have assured me that non-official co-operation would be extended for the successful carrying on of this campaign and I look forward to Mr. Tampi at least so far as his constituency is concerned, to help us with the influence that he can command there.

With regard to the few observations made by my friend Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan, I want to tell him straight away that the application of manures will always be beneficial. In the programme that is proposed to be carried out, manure is intended to be applied to paddy and tapioca and I can tell him that the application of manures that is proposed to be undertaken will substantially increase the out-turn of these two crops. With regard to Kuttanad, if in a particular tract of land, certain peculiar observations were noted, they might be entirely due to different reasons, such as accumulation of saline matter, the accumulation of acidity, etc. Those are specific matters which have to be looked into, and I can assure the honourable members that these will be investigated if they are brought to my notice.

The honourable member Mr. Kesavan said that the amount is a little too small. I have already indicated in my speech when I introduced the demand that this is only a first step and if we succeed in that, the campaign will be carried on more intensely and vigorously.

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[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar.]

With regard to the suggestions made by Mr. V. Sankara Menon, I may say that the co-operation of everybody concerned will be sought in carrying on the proposal to a successful termination.

I hope, in the light of the answers which I have given, honourable members will concede this demand.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know from the Director of Agriculture whether the nature of the manure is synthetic or organic.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: They are manures which are available in this country and are organic in nature. Artificial fertilisers are very costly and they are not available at all, because most of them are utilized for war purposes. Ammonium Sulphate and Ammonium Phosphate now cost four or five times their price before the war. So we have to look to indigenous organic manures consisting of fish refuse, compost and all such kind of manure.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I ask how the Director of Agriculture proposes to distribute this manure? Is it by sale or by free distribution?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: There is no free distribution at all. It will be sold to all those people who pay money, and in rare cases as loan and as a charge on the crop.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Will it not entail an amendment of the Revenue Recovery Act to make it a charge enforceable against the property?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: I cannot say whether it will interfere with the Revenue Recovery Act. But I suppose that, with the consent of the ryot, it can be done.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan: രൊക്കവിലയ്ക്കും ചില സമയം ഇടിമ്മേലും കൊടുക്കാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ. ഏതു മാനദണ്ഡം അനുസരിച്ചായിരിക്കും ഇടിമ്മേൽ കൊടുക്കുന്നത്?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: പേഷ്ക്കാരും തഹശീൽദാരുമായി ആലോചിച്ചു തീരുമാനിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy (*Commerce and Industry—South*): May I know from the honourable member whether this manure will be sold at a profit or at cost price.

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: There is no intention of making a profit out of this transaction. The idea is to increase the output of food in the country about which an adjournment motion has been moved. We are fully aware of the situation. As Mr.

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Balakrishnan Tampi said, this is a very serious problem and we have to increase the out-turn of food crops. There is no intention of making any profit out of this business.

The motion was put and declared carried. The grant was made.

Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I second the motion.

The question that the Travancore Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: No notice of any amendment has been received and therefore the clauses of the Bill may be put to the vote of the House.

Clauses 1 to 5.

The question that Clauses 1 to 5 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried. Clauses 1 to 5 were added to the Bill.

Title and Preamble.

The question that the Title and the Preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried. The Title and the Preamble were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill be passed.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I second the motion.

The question that the Bill be passed was put and carried. The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE MERCHANDISE MARKS BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Merchandise Marks Bill, as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly, be taken into consideration.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I second the motion.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 25.

The question that Clauses 1 to 25 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried. Clauses 1 to 25 were added to the Bill.

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